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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS			DEFENDANTS				
James M. Sebastian, Sr.				James M. Sebastian, Jr.			
(b) County of Residence of (EX	of First Listed Plaintiff CEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF	Chester CASES)	County of Residence of First Listed (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY) NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED.				
(c) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Peter J. McHugh, Esquire (610) 558.4300 128 Commons Court Chadds Ford, PA 19317				Attorneys (If Known) (610) 832.9373 Earl T. Britt, Esquire 633 W. Germantown Pike, Suite 202 Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462			
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this <u>Modern Marketing</u> day of June, 2002, a copy of James M. Sebastian, Jr.'s Notice of Removal, Memorandum of Law and Supporting Exhibit were sent via first class mail, postage prepaid, to:

Peter J. McHugh, Esquire
BROWN, MAYHART, MARTIN & SCHINDLER
128 Commons Court
Commons at Chadds Ford
P.O. Box 1539
Chadds Ford, PA 19317

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Therefore, Defendant respectfully requests that the state court action be removed to the federal forum.

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BY:

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Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462

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Attorney for Defendant, James M. Sebastian, Jr.

DATE: 6/12/02

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JAMES M. SEBASTIAN, SR.

Plaintiff

CIVIL ACTION NO.

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JAMES M. SEBASTIAN, JR.

Defendant

MEMORANDUM OF LAW

Title 28, U.S.C. §1441 provides, in part, that,

Any civil action brought in the State Court of which the District Courts of the United States have original jurisdiction, may be removed by the defendant or defendants to the District Court of the United States for the district and the division embracing the place where such action is pending.

In this case, Plaintiff filed an action against the above-named Defendant in the Chester County Court of Common Pleas, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Plaintiff lives at 9 Hickory Lane, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania 19317, and is a citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Defendant is a citizen of Maryland. The amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000.00. See Exhibit "A".

Under these circumstances, this Court has original jurisdiction over the instant controversy based upon complete diversity of citizenship between the parties. Plaintiff and Defendant, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1332(a)(1).

VERIFICATION

I verify that the statements made in this filing are true and correct. I understand that any false statements are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsifications to authorities.

JAMES M. SEBASTIAN, SR.

BROWN, MAYHART, MARTIN & SCHINDLER

Ву:

Peter J. Mc Hugh, Esquire Attorney for Plaintiff
James M. Sebastian, Sr.

- Despite that fact, the defendant paid the premiums yearly on the three stated 12. policies and failed to notify to the companies of the plaintiff's disability that would have obviated the need to pay the premiums.
- As a result, the defendant paid approximately \$35,000.00 unnecessarily out of the 13. plaintiff's assets that he was not obliged to pay.

COUNT I

NEGLIGENCE – BREACH OF FIDUCIARY DUTY

- 14. The prior paragraphs are incorporated herein in full.
- 15. The defendant assumes a fiduciary duty of care to make reasonable financial decisions on the plaintiff's behalf.
- 16. The defendant's failure to obtain the SSI or to obtain the waivers of premiums at the earliest available time constitutes a breach of the duty of care owed to the plaintiff.
- 17. The defendant's breach caused the plaintiff to lose approximately \$225,000.00 in SSI and \$35,000.00 in unnecessarily paid insurance premiums.
- 18. The plaintiff has suffered damages in the amount of \$225,000.00 in lost SSI and \$35,000.00 in unnecessarily paid insurance premiums.
- 19. As a result, the plaintiff is entitled to receive same from the defendant as it was lost due to his breach of his duty to prevent the same.

WHEREFORE, the plaintiff request judgment against the defendant in excess of \$50,000.00 together with all expended attorney's fees and costs connected to this suit.

- 5. At the time that the defendant assumed the stated responsibilities, the plaintiff failed to realize that there was social security disability income ("SSI") available as a source of secondary income for seriously ill people and their dependents.
- 6. At the time that the defendant assumed the stated responsibilities, the plaintiff had himself and three (3) dependents under the age of eighteen (18) named Corey Sebastian, Erin Sebastian, Colin Sebastian, all of whom qualified to receive the SSI during the stated time period.
- 7. From 1994 through 1999, while acting as the plaintiff's fiduciary, the defendant failed to apply and obtain the SSI for the plaintiff and his three (3) dependents.
- 8. As a result of the defendant's failure to apply and obtain the stated income, the plaintiff and the three (3) dependents lost approximately \$225,000.00 plus interest that would have been received for their benefit and their preservation of their existing assets.
- 9. In addition to the above, between 1970 and 1982, the plaintiff purchased four (4) life insurance term policies and one (1) own job disability policy.
- 10. The plaintiff purchased each policy with the intent that the full value of the polices would be equally distributed among his five (5) children at the time of his death.
- 11. Three of the policies contained waiver of premium provisions that triggered upon the plaintiff being diagnosed with his disability:
 - (1) Equitable Policy Number 88-014-330 with a value of \$1,000,000.00.
- (2) <u>Trans America Occidental</u> Policy Number 402-087-57 with a value of \$1,000,000.00
 - (3) Provident own job disability policy with that has now been cashed.

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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JAMES M. SEBASTIAN, SR.

Plaintiff,

: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

: CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

V.

: CIVIL ACTION – LAW

JAMES M. SEBASTIAN, JR.

Defendant.

: NO.

COMPLAINT

AND NOW comes the plaintiff, James M. Sebastian, Sr., by his attorney, Peter Joseph Mc Hugh, Esquire, who files this complaint representing the following:

- 1. The plaintiff is James M. Sebastian, Sr., an adult individual currently residing at 9 Hickory Lane, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania 19317.
- 2. The defendant is James M. Sebastian, Jr., an adult individual currently residing at 182 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.
- 3. On January 1, 1994, the defendant assumed the plaintiff's financial responsibilities after the plaintiff was diagnosed with a serious mental illness.
- 4. In return for assuming the plaintiff's financial responsibilities, the defendant was paid \$52,000.00 annually by the plaintiff as compensation for his services.

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Plaintiff,

: IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

: CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

v.

: CIVIL ACTION - LAW

JAMES M. SEBASTIAN, JR.

Defendant.

: NO.

NOTICE

You has been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after this complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the complaint or for any other claim or relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAS A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

LAWYER REFERENCE & INFORMATION SERVICES

Chester County Bar Association 15 West Gay Street West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380 610.692.1889

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CIVIL COVER SHEET	MON PLEAS Do not staple or attach on this side
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2. PLAINTIFF(s): (Name, address) James M. Sebastian, SR. G Hickory Leve Chadds Ford, PA 19317	3. PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: (Name, firm, address, telephone and attorney ID#) Peder T. McHigh, Esg. BROWN, MAYHART, MARTIN & SCHINDLE P.O. BOK 1539
4. DEFENDANT(s): (Name, address) James M. Sebastian, JR. 82 Prince George Street Anna polis, MD 21401	Chedds Ford PA 19317 610. 558. 4300 AHLTL # 80637 5. ARETHERE, ANY RELATED CASES? (see C.C.R.C.P. 200B) Yes No IF YES, SHOW CASE NOS. AND CAPTIONS:
6. IF THIS IS AN APPEAL FROM A DISTRICT JUST DEFENDANT IN THE ORIGINAL ACTION?	STICE JUDGMENT, WAS APPELLANT PLAINTIFF OR - Negligence - erse side) Other - Breach of Fiduciana Dety
•	Yes 🗴 No
ARBITRATION CASES ONLY An Arbitration hearing in this matter is scheduled for at in the Jury Lounge, Chester County Court House, West Chester, PA. The parties and their counsel are directed to report	NOTICE OF TRIAL LISTING DATE Pursuant to C.C.R.C.P. 249.3, if this case is not subject to compulsory arbitration it will be presumed ready for trial twelve (12) months from the date of the initiation of the suit and will be

The parties and their counsel are directed to report to the Juror's Lounge for an arbitration hearing in this matter on the date and time set forth above.

This matter will be heard by a Board of Arbitrators at the time, date and place specified but, if one or more of the parties is not present at the hearing, the matter may be heard at the same time and date before a judge of the court without the absent party or parties. There is no right to a trial de novo on appeal from a decision entered by a judge.

placed on the trial list one (1) year from the date the suit was filed unless otherwise ordered by the

To obtain relief from automatic trial listing a party must proceed pursuant to C.C.R.C.P. 249.3(b), request an administrative conference and obtain a court order deferring the placement of the case on the trial list until a later date.

FILE WITH: Prothonotary of Chester County, 2 North High Street, Suite 130, P.O. Box 2748, West Chester, PA 19380-0991

- Complete diversity of citizenship existed at the time the Complaint was 4. filed, and has existed at all times from that date until the date of this removal. Thus, complete diversity of the citizenships exists for the purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 1332.
- 5. The amount in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, is greater than \$75,000.00.
- 6. Plaintiff's Complaint was served on James M. Sebastian, Jr. on May 20. 2002; removal is therefore timely. 28 U.S.C. § 1441, et seq.

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully requests that this action be removed from the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County, Pennsylvania, to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

JAMES M. SEBASTIAN, SR. Plaintiff CIVIL ACTION NO. v. JAMES M. SEBASTIAN, JR. Defendant

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Defendant, James M. Sebastian, Jr., by his undersigned counsel, hereby removes this action from the Court of Common Pleas for Chester County, Pennsylvania, where it is now pending, to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. This notice is filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1441, et seq. and in support of this Notice of Removal, James M. Sebastian, Jr. states as follows:

- 1. This action was commenced in the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County on May 14, 2002 and was assigned Civil No. 02-03966. Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is a copy of the Complaint and related pleadings that have been served on James M. Sebastian, Jr.
- 2. Plaintiff, James M. Sebastian, Sr., is a citizen of Pennsylvania, who resides at 9 Hickory Lane, Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania 19317.
- 3. James M. Sebastian, Jr. is a Maryland citizen who resides at 182 Prince George Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.	o be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the
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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM

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management cases.)

Earl T. Britt

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6/12/02

Date

Attorney-at-law

Defendant

Attorney for